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Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
65 44 60%	54 28 20%	60 31 10%

Source: <http://weather.com>

NUMBER CRUNCH

2,400

Number of students that cast their vote in the SGA and Mr. and Miss GCSU elections.

Source: SGA

HOMECOMING 2008



FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 2

'Just can't turn and walk away'



Jett Beres, bass guitarist for Sister Hazel, jumped off stage and into the crowd of GCSU students at Friday night's concert at West Campus. Read about Sister Hazel's performance in features on **page 9**.

ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Homecoming a big hit this year at GCSU

BY ALANA LLEWELLYN
STAFF WRITER

It was blue and green like students had never seen. GCSU's homecoming theme this year rang out loud and clear all week long throughout campus. From the extravagant banners accompanied with blue and green spot lights, to the creative and festive decorations in each and every school office, the GCSU community seemed to be hyped up for this year's homecoming.

Senior Lauren Vinson captured the real difference in this year's events.

"There was a lot more going on this year," Vinson said.

The week kicked off with a canceled 'Yell like Hell' bonfire competition, due to extremely wet conditions from much needed inclement weather. The weather was no match for the following night when Campus Activities Board sponsored a Movie Night in Magnolia Ballroom. "Superbad," one the year's most raunchy comedies, blared from Magnolia's speakers during Thursday night's 8 o'clock premier.

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Mr. and Miss GCSU shine in spotlight

BY COURTNEY MCMAHON
STAFF WRITER

Adam Hammond and Whitney Fee were crowned the new Mr. and Miss GCSU last Sunday night at the homecoming basketball game. Last year's winners Brad Kuglin and Taylor Sapp attended the game to pass over their crowns and to hand down their titles.

"When they announced my name, I was really humbled. I knew that this award was because of a lot of other people, and I am very thankful for all of them," Hammond said.

Kappa Alpha Order selected Hammond to represent its fraternity because of his involvement in many student organizations on campus. He is a member of many honors societies as well as a Student Ambassador. He has

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JEN FORDHAM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Brad Kuglin, 2007 Mr. GCSU, crowns senior Adam Hammond of Kappa Alpha as the new Mr. GCSU following Sunday's basketball game against USC Aiken.



JEN FORDHAM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Taylor Sapp, 2007 Miss GCSU, crowns Junior Whitney Fee of Zeta Tau Alpha as the new Miss GCSU following Sunday's basketball game against USC Aiken.

SGA Elections receive record turnout

BY CHRISTINE GEIGER
STAFF WRITER

Voter turnout dramatically increased this year due to online voting as students re-elected incumbents Ryan Greene for SGA President and Justin Haight as Vice-President.

Freshmen David McLaughlin and Zach Mullins, who are currently SGA senators, were elected as secretary and treasurer, respectively.

About 2,400 students cast their votes in this year's election, which is a significant change from years past when the highest voter turnout was only about 500 students, according to Greene.

For Greene, going from

only a tenth of the student population voting to about half is nearly as exciting as winning the election.

Students could vote for the Mr. and Miss GCSU and SGA elections all at once either on campus or through MyCats, which in Haight's opinion is what encouraged so many students to vote.

"We did combine the election along with Mr. and Miss GCSU, but then you do have to give a lot of credit that it was done online," Haight said. "That was something that was brand new to everybody. We weren't really sure how that was going to work out, and it obviously worked out for the best."

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2008-2009 SGA Executives

President



Greene

Vice President



Haight

GCSU makes the grade for service honor roll

BY CHELSEA THOMAS
STAFF REPORTER

GCSU was recently named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This award is given to schools that display exemplary service efforts, as well as volunteer with children and disadvantaged youth.

Beginning in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll is awarded to schools with a commitment to service-learning and civic engagement. This award is jointly sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service, through its Learn and Serve America program, and the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, USA Freedom Corps, and the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Recognized as the highest federal recognition, the schools chosen for the Community Service Honor Roll award are acknowledged for their dedication to service in their communities.

The Corporation for National and Community Service says, "By engaging our nation's young people in service-learning, Learn and Serve America instills an ethic of lifelong community service."

When choosing the recipients of this prestigious award, many selection factors weigh on the final result. These selection qualifications include the creativity of the provided service proj-

ects, the numerical percentage of student involvement, incentives for volunteering and the offered service-learning projects. The Corporation for National and Community Service looks to grant appreciation to institutions of higher education that provides exemplary volunteering opportunities.

"Volunteerism and intramurals have been the biggest areas of growth in the last ten years. We are tapping into students who think that volunteering is a high value," Dr. Bruce Harshbarger, vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students, said.

In the 2007 academic year alone, 1,214 students performed more than 30,635 volunteer hours in the community. More than 30,000 service learning hours were not included in the tally. Overall, GCSU students gave more than 60,000 hours back to the Baldwin community. Multiplying these hours to the amount of money each hour is worth (\$18.77) would equal over one million dollars of community service. According to Kendall Stiles, director of The GIVE Center, tracking the hours of volunteers has become essential to gaining recognition for all the progress made.

"This award validates what we hold as a value at the core of the university as far as service and giving back. It's always nice to have someone recognize the things you are doing," Stiles said.

Whether donating blood to the American Red Cross, mentoring children in the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program or bagging potatoes

for the hungry, GCSU students have been making a major difference in the community.

"Service is very much ingrained into our faculty and staff, as well as our students. This is part of who we are and what we are supposed to do," says Stiles.

Harshbarger reiterates this as he says, "Service and civic engagement are key concepts in GCSU's curriculum as Georgia's Public Liberal Arts University. The work of The GIVE Center is one of the most powerful and productive vehicles by which GCSU fulfills its unique mission."

This award is only the latest in The GIVE Center's long list of honors. The GIVE Center has been deemed a national "point of light" and has earned the university recognition from the Templeton University as a top school in American colleges and universities that build character. Furthermore, The GIVE Center is the only university-based "Hands-On Georgia" grant recipient.

Overall, the Community Service Honor Roll award was a high honor that further recognized all the work being done by GCSU. Stiles' outlook on volunteering clearly exemplifies why The GIVE Center is so successful.

"It's not just about what you are doing today, it's how or what your doing today that is going to solve a problem down the road," says Stiles.

For more information go to <http://www.nationalservice.gov>, or www.learnandserve.gov.



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PHOTOGRAPHER

Danielle Paperno is a part of project linus where members create quilts for the community, one of the many examples of how the give center is dedicated to service.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES BUDGET COMMITTEE Organization Eligibility and Budget Process

The Student Activities Budget Committee (SABC) will be meeting soon to discuss the 2008 – 2009 funding requests by eligible student organizations. To receive funding for the next year, groups must meet the following specific eligibility requirements and follow the budget request process as stated below from the approved "Student Activities Budget Committee Policies and Procedures."

Organization Eligibility Requirements:

The group must be officially recognized and have a faculty or staff adviser. The organization must exist purely to serve or represent the student body as a whole. Programs and participation in the organization must be open to all students. The organization must not have any racial, religious, or ethnic ties which might discourage otherwise interested students from joining it and must not discriminate on the basis of race, sex or national origin.

The organization may require certain abilities or talents of its participants. However, the right to apply for membership in such an organization must be available to all interested students. Moreover, the organization must present a program which satisfies the following three requirements:

- *The program must be of general benefit to the student body and participation in the program must be open to all interested students.
- *The program must be one which the sponsoring organization is clearly better able to present than any other campus organization already being funded under criteria A.
- *The program must have sufficient value to warrant its funding when compared to other criteria spelled out above.

Approved student organizations that meet the eligibility requirements may pick-up information concerning the process and requirements for a budget hearing in the Student Affairs Office. The information may also be found in the Student Handbook Online at <http://www.gcsu.edu/studentlife/handbook/advisory.html> under Student Activity Budget Committee. For full consideration eight (8) copies of the request for funding must be submitted to the SABC by March 21, 2008, c/o the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, in the Student Affairs office, Lanier Hall, room 214 or CBX 27. Approved student organizations meeting eligibility requirements are not necessarily guaranteed funding by the SABC, and organizations relating their request to the mission of the university will be given primary consideration.

Healthcare companies search for assistance

BY WES BROWN
SENIOR REPORTER

A career expo is primarily about progressing a person's life, but last Thursday, the Nursing and Health Careers Expo was all about recruiting new people to health care professions to secure and progress the lives of others.

Twenty organizations were present at the expo to scout out and recruit potential employees. The expo was sponsored by the GCSU Career Center and held in the Maxwell Student Union Lounge from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 28. Companies ranged from local health care institutions, such as Central State Hospital, to national ones, such as United States Army Medical Recruiting.

The purpose of the expo was rather clear, especially to visitor Dr. David Lake,

professor and department head of physical therapy at Armstrong Atlantic State University.

"Basically the purpose of events like these is two fold," Lake said. "First, it helps those interested in going to grad school by strengthening students' clinical background so that they can become more educated, and second, it helps undergraduates become aware of internship opportunities at hospitals and health care agencies."

Senior health education major Mikeshia Jones echoed the remarks of Lake by saying that her main purpose was to hunt for internship opportunities.

"For me right now I am looking for an internship," Jones said. "The expo was helpful for me to see what kind of areas I can get into in healthcare."

Although this event may

be of great benefit to seniors, Lake stressed for students to not wait until they are about to graduate to participate in expos.

"Students should come as freshman and get a good idea of what they are looking for and what classes they need to take," Lake said. "I recommend students come as early as possible. It is a great way to network with potential employers and get a real feel of the market."

Freshman biology major Laura Gooche agrees that it is important to take advantage of these events our school offers as early as possible.

"These events get everybody out and show what kind of jobs are out there, and it shows everybody all the majors that are available in the field," Gooche said.

In January, the country

Present at the expo...

Armstrong Atlantic State University
Baldwin County DFCS
Department of Juvenile Justice
Central State Hospital
Chaplinwood Nursing Home
Coliseum Medical Centers
Compassionate Care Clinic
East Metro Health District
GCSU School of Health and Sciences

Georgia Correctional Healthcare
Hodac, Inc.
Houston Healthcare
Medical Center of Central Georgia
Northside Hospital
Oconee Center CSB
Oconee regional Medical Center
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine
Putnam General Hospital
United Veteran Services
US Army Medical Recruiting

faced a net loss of 17,000 jobs, according to the Labor Department. This marked the first decline in payrolls in four years dating back to August 2003, but organizations at the expo were not worried about the rapid decline in the nation's economy.

Dawn Jones, the nurse coordinator at Georgia War Veterans Home, was at the expo recruiting for assistance at veteran homes in

North Carolina and South Carolina and assured students there is always a large need for healthcare workers.

"There will always be a big demand for help," Jones said. "All of the baby boomers are now in need of professional help. There is also an increase in nursing shortages. Nurses are becoming burnt out and leaving the field to go into other businesses."

The day went well, and the expo received a modest turnout. However, there were suggestions offered to increase future appeal.

"I say that next year definitely have it in the Centennial Center," Gooche said. "There is more room to work with, not only for students but also for the employers attending."

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met a lot of people within these organizations, and when it came to voting, it worked to his advantage.

"I don't limit my friendships and involvement to those within the Greek community," Hammond said. "Because of that, I had a lot of help and support from everyone."

Fee also believes her win came because of her involvement and support from the entire community. A Student Ambassador, a member of campus outreach and an active sister in Zeta Tau Alpha has proven Fee's commitment to GCSU.

"This has been such an amazing experience," Fee said. "I love GCSU so much and can't thank everyone enough for their support."

The campaigning was very emotionally draining according to Fee, but her family and friends were right by her side through it all. Zeta Tau Alpha supported their sister by passing out stickers, baked goods and flyers all week long.

The candidates were introduced at the start of the basketball game, but the winner was not announced until the end. The suspense was very difficult for some of the candidates.

"The worst part was having to wait through the whole basketball game to hear who the winners were," first runner up

Mr. & Miss GCSU results

Mr. GCSU

Winner
Adam Hammond
Senior
Kappa Alpha

First Runner-up
Parker Alexander
Junior
Kappa Sigma

Second Runner-up
Taylor Sellers
Grad Student
Student Ambassadors

Miss GCSU

Winner
Whitney Fee
Junior
Zeta Tau Alpha

First Runner-up
Georgia Hardigree
Senior
Alpha Delta Pi

Second Runner-up
Kat Wall
Junior
Delta Zeta

Parker Alexander said. "It was really nerve racking."

The competition was very tough this year because of the strong campaigning from every candidate. Banners for Alpha Delta Pi's Georgia Hardigree were hung up all over, and chalking for Jennifer Shannon, Phi Mu representative, covered Front Campus.

"I think what made this homecoming court different than previous years was that everyone on court was 100 percent genuine," second runner up Kat Wall said. "I was really impressed with the level of campus involvement in this year's election."

Mr. and Miss GCSU is a big part of Greek life, but participants from many other student organizations

stepped up this year. Natalee Mayo dances for the Sassy Cats and is the director for CAB. She is also a Student Ambassador and strongly represented them as a candidate for Miss GCSU. Many honor society organizations also had candidates in this election.

All of the candidates showed great poise and appreciation for the winners. Many said that homecoming week was much more difficult than expected, but were very happy to see all of the support.

"I know that Miss GCSU was an honor that many girls wanted to own," Hardigree said. "But the winner is very sweet, and she worked really hard to obtain the title. She deserved to win."

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Greene and Haight campaigned differently than their competition by not only putting their names out, but also by using their accomplishments to sway voters in their direction.

"We really tried to promote what we have done this past year, and I really think that helped us out," Haight said.

Greene says he is most proud of this year's homecoming and establishing a fall break, which many students are excited about.

Adamo Vullo, junior

business major, agrees that this year's homecoming has been much better than in previous years.

"The other two years I've been here there hasn't been anything to make people want to stay. It has just been kind of lame," Vullo said. "This year there was something cool going on, and it was fun for once."

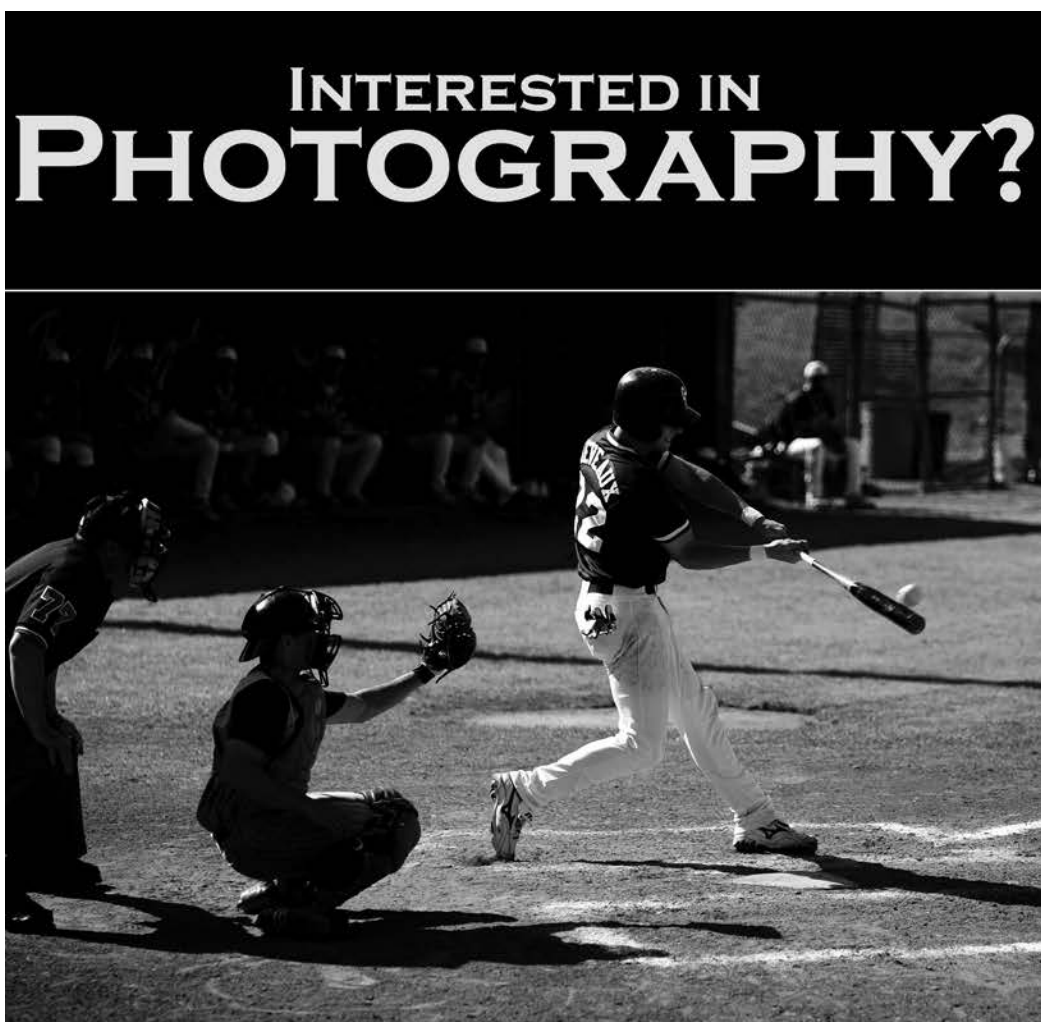
The pair looks forward to another year together to serve the student body, and will use the experience they have gained this year to make even more improvements.

"When you're brand new to the position, you don't really know the system and how things have

happened to the past," Haight said. "In my opinion, just having done it before is probably the biggest thing I bring to the table."

The issues Greene and Haight will take on next year as president and vice president are yet to be decided. Once the new SGA senators are elected in August the top five priorities for the school year will be determined.

"I think it was a good year," Greene said. "We have a good board this year, but we have a really good board for next year. I'm excited to keep working with what we've been doing."



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Follow the instructions in the email to login to the secure website and complete the survey. Winners will be announced on March 19th.

National religion shift not affecting GCSU

BY TIFFANY BISHOP
STAFF WRITER

So far in the primary elections, Americans are looking for change in all aspects of their lives, including religion. Almost half of Americans have realigned themselves with another religious denomination or none at all, according to a study recently released by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life.

The largest shift has been away from Protestant groups; their population dropped from almost 75 percent to 51 percent with a steady decline since 1992.

"The American religious economy is like a marketplace — very dynamic, very competitive," Luis Lugo, director of the Pew Forum said to CNN. "Everyone is losing, everyone is gaining. There are net winners and losers, but no one can stand still. Those groups that are losing significant numbers have to recoup them to stay alive."

The study goes on to say that a quarter of adults from 18 to 29 claim to have no religious affiliation. Bill Baker, director of the GCSU Wesley Foundation, disagrees with the studies findings.

"I have not seen that trend reflected in the student population at GCSU," Baker said. "Since I arrived in 1999, I have seen participation in all Christian campus ministries increase, which may be surprising considering the liberal arts mission of the University and

"Everyone is looking to join something. This is the age of being dramatic, and at this university, you are more likely to join a religious cult."

- Marion Beasley,
senior, psychology major

the stereotype generally associated with that."

One Protestant group maintaining the same net number of attendees is the Evangelical sect. The Evangelicals seem to be tailoring their ministries to the youth by offering a more intimate setting of small groups inside the larger, professor Stephen Prothero, chairman of the religion department at Boston University, said to The New York Times.

Marian Beasley, a senior psychology major, suggested the need to be a part of a group as a reason to join organizations such as these.

"Among adults, college students are most susceptible to a cult-like religion; they are more likely to make the choice to join a cult," Beasley said. "Everyone is looking for a cause; everyone is looking to join something. This is the age of being dramatic, and at this university, you are more likely to join a religious cult."

Another group seeing a change in their population is Catholics. Although remaining steady at 25 percent of the population, the numbers are no longer from native born

Americans; they are from the growing Hispanic population. Half of Catholic adults under 30 are Hispanic, the study said.

There are many other trends to notice with this study. While Protestants and Catholics are losing their followers as they enter adulthood, Hindus retain nearly 84 percent of their youth. Jehovah's Witnesses are the fastest growing religion, although their retention rate is low. Half of American Buddhists are white, and Jews account for 1.7 percent of the population.

"While some Christian groups are certainly in decline, many more are experiencing exponential growth," Baker said. "I think this can partially be explained by those groups abandoning their core beliefs in exchange for more 'culturally relevant' ones. People are fed up with many church organizations and organized religion in general. Who can blame them? Many of these groups are more committed to preserving the influence, finances and membership numbers of the organization more than the message and mission that built it."

Financial Aid educated GCSU all of February

BY ROCHELLE SMALLS
STAFF REPORTER

With all the many expenses that are involved in obtaining a college education, financial aid has become an important means to paying for college. Financial aid includes more than scholarships; it also encompasses grants, loans and work-study. In today's society, there are so many ways to pay for college; however, students must be willing to give a little creativity and time in order to find their best option.

In support of Financial Aid Awareness Month, February, GCSU established an information table right next to the Arts & Science fountain. While the table was in operation from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 28, the Financial Aid staff was willing to answer questions and inform students of the many financial aid options.

"February, which is Financial Aid Awareness Month, is when students should be applying for next year's financial aid," said Cathy Crawley, the associate director of Financial Aid.

When conducting yearly events, GCSU's Financial Aid decided to place their information table in a high traffic area, the fountain.

"Often, financial aid is given through government mandate programs that have rules and regulations that are not given in student terms," said Crawley.

It has become Financial Aid's goal to make applying for assistance easier by presenting the terms in plain English.

"At first, I thought that the only funding I could receive was through the HOPE scholarship," said Sarah Farmer, freshman GCSU student, "but now I know, through Financial Aid's emails, that there is tons of money available for students to receive."

Crawley believes that one of the most important tips to receiving financial aid is to apply early.

"This will allow students

Steps for applying for aid

1. Apply and be accepted for admission to GCSU.
2. Apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Applications are available from the Financial Aid Office.
3. When completing the FAFSA, be sure to list GCSU in the school section of the application using our Federal School Code of 001602.
4. Be sure to report to the Financial Aid Office, in writing, any pending outside scholarships.
5. In no more than four weeks, the student will receive an e-mail notification with a direct link to the student's online Student Aid Report.
6. Please verify with the GCSU Financial Aid Office that an electronic copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) has been received.
7. Verification is the process by which the U.S. Department of Education requires schools to check a certain percentage of their financial aid applications for accuracy.
8. Parents of dependent students who apply for the PLUS Loan must complete a PLUS application as well as the other listed requirements.
9. Students will be notified of their eligibility for financial aid through either an electronic Award Letter or explanation of ineligibility not more than two weeks after they complete the application process.

to receive any funding that is there," said Crawley.

Staying in touch through Financial Aid emails, and actually reading what is being sent out, are also very important tips for obtaining aid.

There are some significant dates that every student should keep in mind. The standard deadlines for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at GCSU includes March 1, "if you qualify for need based aid," said Crawley, "and July 1 will ensure that aid will be available for classes during the following school year."

Kristin Hooks, a financial aid counselor who was present at the information table, advised students that "free money equals applying early."

In other words, it is very important, just as Crawley

mentioned, to apply for scholarships and aid early to receive the most money possible. As the old adage says, "the early bird gets the worm."

In addition to informative counselors, the information table also consisted of pamphlets and brochures for students to pick up and read at a later time. Important dates were included on postcards and enlarged fake paper currency.

The creativity in how financial aid presented important dates reminds students to be creative when it comes to searching for financial aid. A college education is an experience of a lifetime, and financial burdens should not conflict with students' goals of obtaining a higher-level of education.

City Council decides to keep housing ordinance

BY APRIL ARGO
STAFF WRITER

Rental properties in the historic district around GCSU were on the agenda at the public hearing conducted at the Feb. 27 City Council meeting. Over 35 people gathered in the Council Chambers to give and listen to arguments for and against a special-use zoning designation for District 4.

The new motion would allow owners of homes in District 4 to get their homes approved for special "group use." This is in response to the "definition-of-family" ordinance passed November 2006 which would limit residents living in houses in the District 4, or the downtown Milledgeville area, to three non-related people.

At the hearing, John Alton, chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission, spoke in opposition of the new measure. While he was speaking to the Council, Alton referred back to the passage of the prior ordinance.

"In November 2006, the Council and the city formulated a good compromise to use single family homes as rental property," Alton said.

After many speakers and debate among the council, the motion was denied with a 4-2 vote.

The argument of people for both sides was that families do not want to move in next door to a house full of college students. Robert Hattaway, a property owner, used this argument to point out why the Council should approve this measure.

"Families do not want to live in close proximity to students," Hattaway said. "Liberty Street and other places should be preserved, but areas right around the college - what are you going to do with them? They are not suitable for single families."

On the other side, John Alton, chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission and South Liberty Street resident, cited that under the approval of this designation, 90 percent of the houses in District 4 would be eligible to be rezoned for multi-family or "group" use with the only restriction being parking.

Another piece of information used by members of the opposing side was the fact that there are so many existing places for students to live like the University

Dorms, The Village at West Campus, The Grove, Magnolia Park, and other smaller complexes around the college. It was said that there is no need for the passage of this measure.

Betsy Thornton, a resident of West Greene Street, stated that she has been in education for many years. She told the council that it is "unhealthy" for students to live in "unsupervised living situations."

"The less opportunity we give them to live unsupervised the better," Thornton said.

Council member Steve Vance commented on the statements made. He said that the question of need or want does not matter because renting is here to stay in Milledgeville.

"There has been a tremendous history of rental properties in the downtown area," Chambers said. "There has to be coexistence. Rental property is not going away in downtown Milledgeville."

With the rejection of this motion, the planning and zoning code for District 4 stays the same and the "definition-of-family" ordinance and will go into effect this November.

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Left: Jen Keeton gets festive as she decorates the Bell Hall lobby for homecoming. **Right:** SGA senator Wes ransom (green) rocks out on a float with a band of GCSU students during the Homecoming Parade on Saturday. The parade began at 2 p.m. and proceeded down Hancock Street.

Homecoming

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Friday night proved to be “all for you” with the blow out concert featuring headliner Sister Hazel.

“I’m really glad they were able to bring in a big name band such as Sister Hazel, and I think they should continue to in years to come,” MAT graduate student Benji Lavender said.

Junior Nursing major Caroline Flake agreed with Lavender.

“My favorite event was the Sister Hazel concert,” Flake said. “It was the first time GCSU has brought a big name band here since I’ve been in school, and there was a great turn out.”

The concert was a major success thanks to work of SGA president Ryan Greene, and many students hope the big name artists continue to grace GCSU with their music in future years. Saturday afternoon’s sunny skies featured the Homecoming Parade involving nominees for Mr.

and Miss GCSU, along with various floats representing residence halls as well as fraternities and sororities.

Sunday’s most talked about basketball game against USC Aiken proved to be a nail biter all the way until the final buzzer. Although the bobcats reluctantly missed out on a win by a mere five points, the crowd’s attendance was above expectation.

“I wish our school was this pumped about every basketball game,” freshmen Geoff Foster said. “There was definitely a lot of participation at this game compared to the rest.”

As the final buzzer came to an end, the Mr. and Miss GCSU nominees entered the court. Each nominee was cheered on by their respecting sponsored group, and in the end, Adam Hammond and Whitney Fee were crowned Mr. and Miss GCSU.

When speaking with a number of students about the improvements made to this year’s homecoming week, many were pleased

and some were a little less enthusiastic.

Junior Rhetoric major Erika Crosby commented on this week’s events than those of years past.

“I thought this year’s (homecoming) was well advertised,” Crosby said. “Everyone did a good job at hyping everything up and letting the students know when stuff was.”

Senior Kristen Barwick agreed with Crosby.

“There was definitely more knowledge of the events than in years past,” Barwick said. “Plus, they got Sister Hazel. But I do think they should have more events and more advertising for the future.”

In contrast, Foster gave some suggestions for homecomings to come.

“I wish someone had done a better job on getting the word out about all the activities, but I really enjoyed all the events put on,” Foster said.

All in all, the students of GCSU truly experienced a homecoming to remember in 2008.



Whitney Fee, 2008 Miss GCSU, of Zeta Tau Alpha looks out to the crowd on a float during the Homecoming Parade on Saturday.



JEN FORDHAM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
The candidates for Mr. and Miss GCSU line up on the basketball court of the Centennial Center to await the announcement of the winner after the homecoming men’s basketball game.

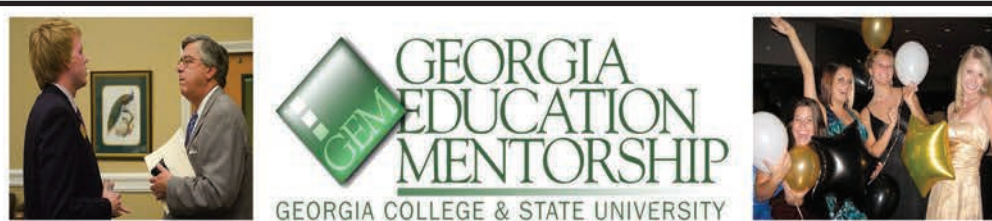
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Breaking down GCSU

What did you think of GCSU when you first applied? What factors most influenced you to come to this school? And, once you got here, was GCSU exactly what you thought it would be? Or were you not entirely sure what to expect?

You can talk to any GCSU ambassador to get a good idea of what GCSU has in store for you, and they will tell you as much truth as they can. We're here to tell the rest of it.

So, what will people tell you about GCSU?

We're a liberal arts university, though in practice we seem like a conservative arts university.

We pride ourselves on our small class sizes, our open and accessible faculty, our classic appearance and, of course, we pride ourselves on the fine education the students at the school receive.

Our class sizes have grown. A World Civilization class only allowed 35 students in Fall of 1999, but for the fall of 2008, the average class will contain 40 or more. This increase is small, only about 14 percent, which isn't much when you consider that our student population has grown as well. To use another example, English 1101 classes still cap at 22 students, just as they did in 1999, and simply more classes are offered.

According to the Board of Regents, the GCSU student population (underclassmen and upperclassmen alike) has grown in the last few years. From 1997 to 2006, the student population has increased by nine percent (information for 2007 was not yet available). So it stands to reason class sizes have grown.

However, so has our faculty percentage, which has grown 16 percent in that same time span. So logically, our class sizes would have stayed the same, and more classes would be offered. Then again, these faculty might not be professors, as the Board of Regents lumps all staff members into this category.

Our professors are as accessible as ever, and the school still has the quaint, southern charm that Milledgeville has always been known for. And yes, GCSU students still receive educations that are held in high regard once they leave the school.

What else do you need to know?

GCSU is in many ways like most other colleges in the nation.

Students live in residence halls, in the community in rented homes or apartments. An unfortunate number go home on weekends.

GCSU has many different sports teams, and students always get into games for free. Teams play throughout the week, and at almost any given time, there is at least one sport in full swing.

There are more than enough organizations for anyone to get involved in, and if nothing appears that is relevant to your interests, it is simple enough to start an organization of our own.

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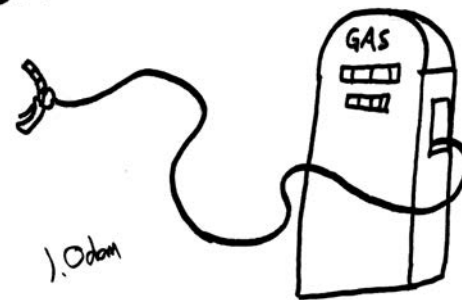
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THE
SHOWDOWN



Who's behind the mortgage crisis?



BY ANDREW ADAMS
COLUMNIST

As most of you news savvy college kids know, the stock market and economy has been down as of the past couple months. The culprit of this sharp down-turn is investor fears about investing in banks. The sub-prime mortgage crisis, a seemingly complex issue, has led to this. Before you glance over to The Litter Box on the next page because I've bored you to death, let me just take a second to explain this odd economic phenomenon.

In 1977, congress passed and President Jimmy Carter signed into law the Community Reinvestment Act (CRA). This law required banks to offer credit to everyone in their market instead of only offering credit to wealthier individuals, which was a common practice called redlining. In 1995, President Clinton signed into law an amendment to the CRA which created subprime mortgages. These subprime mortgages meant that people who wouldn't traditionally qualify for the mortgage to buy the house could now purchase it at a much higher interest rate.

Throughout the past decade, this has put millions of people in homes that they otherwise wouldn't be able to live in. President Bush would often gloriously tout that home-ownership is higher than it has ever been in U.S. history. But politicians experiencing glory

like this would come at a dramatic cost to our nation.

What exactly are the dramatic costs? In 2007, there were 1.3 million houses that were subjected to foreclosure, a startling number that was up 79 percent from the year before. Additionally, in the first quarter of 2008, 21 percent of subprime borrowers were delinquent in their payments. These horrific numbers are definitely enough to worry an average investor, especially considering that subprime mortgages are worth a total of 1.3 trillion dollars (about 9.5 percent of the total U.S. GDP). Due to the foreclosures, banks and financial institutions around the world have lost about 150 billion dollars.

Who is to blame for this? If you ask a typical Democrat, they will tell you it was the evil banks who tricked customers into taking out ridiculous mortgages that they couldn't afford. If you ask a typical Republican who is to blame, they will tell you that it would be the individuals who made the conscious choice to take out a mortgage that they knew they couldn't afford and when their home gets foreclosed, they expect a government bail out. Which side is right? I think they are both right, and also both slightly misguided.

First, let's examine why the banks would be willing to do this. A subprime loan carries an extraordinarily high interest rate and is given to people with horrible credit, which means they like to default on their loans a lot. There is a ton for the banks to lose. Conversely, there's also a lot for the banks to gain. If the individuals they do loan these high interest loans to actually pay off, then the banks turn a huge profit, much larger than they would have made loaning to a lower risk borrower.

But it's a gamble. Why

would banks feel so comfortable gambling 1.3 trillion dollars? The answer to this is way back in the 1980s and early 90s U.S. Savings and Loan Crisis. During this time, more than 1,000 savings and loan institutions went belly-up. This was caused by financial institutions making high-risk loans to borrowers that likely couldn't repay them. In the end, there was a very high rate of default on the loans, and financial institutions lost \$160.1 billion. In addition, there were also a high profile political scandal where a financial institution called Lincoln Savings paid five Senators \$300,000 to intervene with federal investigators on behalf of the Lincoln Savings CEO named Charles Keating. This scandal, known most commonly as the Keating Five, is one you will hear a lot about in the upcoming election as one of the bribed Senators is the presumptive Republican nominee for President, John McCain.

I apologize for digressing into my fears of a McCain Presidency. What do you think the U.S. government did after over a thousand financial institutions were bankrupt from their own incompetence? Of course, the government, really the taxpayers, bailed out the Savings and Loan industries by giving them 124.6 billion dollars. Many of the institutions that went bankrupt in the early 90s from this crisis are the same ones that are losing millions right now.

Back to the original question, why would banks offer subprime mortgages? The answer seems obvious to me that either the borrowers will pay up at the very high interest rate, or if they don't and the banks start to lose money then the government will be quick to bail them out just like before.

Are the individuals who

took out the subprime mortgages responsible? Definitely. Are the banks who gave out loans knowing they would likely never be paid back responsible? Of course they are. But the main culprit of this crisis is the federal government which created laws, like CRA, mandating that banks offer more loans to people that probably will default in little time. Then the government stepped forward to create subprime loans and told the banks that they had to offer the loans even though a large amount of borrowers won't be able to pay for it.

What's the solution to this problem? Since the government is most to blame, they should pay the most, right? Unfortunately, when the government pays it's really you and me, and our families and all other good citizens in this great nation that didn't do a darn thing wrong, paying. It's not fair to penalize those who played by the rules to benefit those who didn't. I think we need to stop this dangerous expectation of government bail-outs for companies and people that take advantage of the system. Therefore, I think the government should do absolutely nothing to alleviate this crisis. Remember it was government intervention in the first place that screwed up the lending industry to begin with.

In time, the financial industry will rebound as it always does, and those who had their homes foreclosed on them might even learn some personal responsibility. The free market always corrects itself, while the government consistently fails when it tries to correct anything. Maybe if the government had let the free market operate as it was intended to, then we wouldn't have endured these financial crises over the past twenty years.

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America not a capitalist country



BY JERRY CALBOS
COLUMNIST

To tell the truth, I had another topic on my mind until this morning to rant about. I feel like I need to set the record straight, so our readers are not misinformed.

I once believed in a total free market economy in the United States. Then I woke up. However, it would have been a nice dream though, if I weren't liberal. I think I'll change the label liberal for this one column to the word realistic. I don't live in a dream world all the time, and neither does the American economy.

What we are taught (indoctrinated with actually) all the way up through high school is the United States of America is a capitalist economy, no excep-

tions, pure and simple. If only the economy was that simple. We are taught pure Capitalism and pure Socialism, which we are told progressively, gets worse as we go down to Communism.

If we were a free-market economy, we would not have recessions, but rather depressions more often than not, as the economy would not be able to resuscitate itself quickly from something like a credit crunch and housing downfall.

The truth of matter is we are a mixed economy, plain and simple. Nothing more, nothing less. We do have a place for competitiveness; however, we also have a place for those who cannot seem to get their feet on the ground. This place is called social programming.

If we were a totally open and free market, we would not have Small Business Development loans, police departments, fire departments, health departments, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF). Just think about it. Someone would have to pay for all of these services if we didn't pay taxes to keep them in place. They would end up being competitive,

which would be like Afghanistan or some of the former Soviet Republics — we would have to pay for protection!

So you don't care about those social services? Well if we were a totally capitalist society, we would not have scholarships or loans for students who cannot afford to go to college, even if they had top-notch grades. I am talking specifically about government-subsidized scholarships and loans, not private ones. There goes your HOPE Scholarship! You were about to flunk your Physics class anyhow and lose HOPE already, so what's it to you? I hope that you dropped your class by 5 p.m. last Monday. If not then you are —

Moving right along with this idea of Capitalism and a free market economy. Some believe that it's a danger to have so many social programs and if the Democrats take over, they would tax us to the roof to keep these programs in place. According to ultra-conservatives, all Democrats are liberal, there is no such thing as the conservative democrat who ruled the South for 130 years.

Here is a thought. It

doesn't matter who is in charge in the White House or Congress. Democrat or Republican, taxes have gone up, because the cost of living has gone up. George Bush is spending more money than his predecessor, who actually tried to cut costs in the 1990s.

However, even though Bush is spending more money than any Democratic president has, he is spending it on the war in Iraq, not on social programs. There is no total correlation with taxes and social program spending. I have not even touched Environmental Protection either, which began as a non-partisan issue.

Ultra conservatives can complain and whine every time a bill in Congress is passed, or a policy is implemented which shows that we are not capitalist at all.

Nevertheless, that's the beauty of our economy. We have a place for everyone from the very competitive airline industry, to those individuals and families who are less fortunate. That is the beauty of America — helping to make a way for those of us dreamers who could never find a way totally on our own.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Morning after pill article biased

Dear Editor,

It's a great thing that GCSU now offers the so-called "morning after" pill through Student Health Services. However, I don't really appreciate the biased tone the author of the article uses in reporting about this progressive step in our school's health services. For instance, saying something like "GCSU students getting caught up in the heat of the moment and failing to use birth control or condoms now have the option of receiving more extreme contraceptives the next day" really bothers me. This language is condescending and blaming. For one thing, it isn't just a lack of use of birth control that leads women to seek out emergency contraception; it's also birth control failure, which the author forgets to mention. Yes, condoms do break and no, other birth control methods, such as the pill, are not 100 percent effective. And to label emergency contraceptives as "extreme" is also inflammatory and mis-

leading. They are simply higher doses of birth control pills many women are already taking.

Other things I found inflammatory and biased were the author's statement that "the medication may erase the mistake of a promiscuous night." Once again, many women who seek out EC do not do so because they are going out having wild, promiscuous sex with every man they happen across. Birth control methods can fail, and then there is the haunting fact that 1 in 4 women are sexually assaulted during their college careers.

Also, I really dislike the fact that every single quote in this article paints a negative view on the fact that EC is offered at this school or that it exists at all. I find it hard to believe that the author could not find one single person in favor of the fact women on our campus now have EC readily available to them. For instance, some of the quotes in this article include: "If you are old enough to have unsafe sex

then you should be old enough to have the responsibility to do the right thing." What does that even mean? I thought taking responsibility for your actions by seeking out EC was doing the right thing. But apparently having a child after "the mistake of a promiscuous night" is the doing right thing according to this article.

And finally, I don't like the fact that while health services will give women EC, the contraception apparently also comes with a crash-course in birth control methods according to this article. Because, you know, every woman coming in for EC is seeking it because she is ignorant of proper birth control. You know us women, we just don't know a thing about sex and we need others to tell us how to effectively manage our reproductive lives.

Thanks for writing such an enlightening article.

Leigh Allen,
junior,
international business

More to morning after article

Dear Editor,

I'm appalled at the way the article for the introduction of the morning after Pill on our campus was carried out. It had the potential to be an insightful and informative piece but lost that immediately with its introduction. Instead of providing the GCSU popu-

lation with important and helpful information, it only turned the morning after pill into a shameful method. The morning after pill may "erase the mistake of a promiscuous night" however it failed to mention the benefits for rape victims or even monogamous couples whose birth control methods may have

failed on accident. Even the most safe and responsible couples can make mistakes. Instead of chastising the GCSU students, let's instead provide them with accurate, non-judgmental information.

Anna Carey,
freshman,
nursing

CORRECTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

Dear Editor,

I'm writing to express my dismay at the way my comments were misrepresented in the article, "African Issues a Concern for Everyone," in the Feb. 29 edition of The Colonnade. I would never say that I thought a U.S. military presence in Africa would aid the CONTINENT, or even any specific country, in its expansion. What I said was that I think it is important for students to hear the various reactions from African nations to the prospect of establish-

ing U.S. military bases in Africa. As Ms. Ali presented it, some nations see this prospect as potentially beneficial in terms of expanding political and economic stability while others feel that it may initiate struggles for power in Africa between a few nations of great wealth. These are the ideas to which those two (obviously contradictory) statements, which were attributed to me, refer. Additionally, the way that my comment on students' tendency to be interested in an issue only if they see it as related to them is repre-

sented in a way that makes it sound like I endorse this unfortunate attitude. I do not endorse this attitude but, because I recognize that it exists, I think Ms. Ali's comments on this topic were of immense value in presenting students with more information about the decisions being undertaken by their own government. I hope that you will present these clarifications in your next edition.

Thank You,

Beauty Bragg,
professor of English

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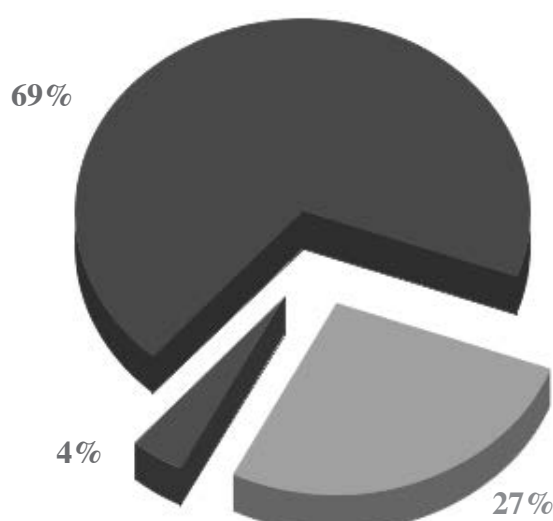
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POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY LEE SANDOW

Are you excited about the new fall break, coming in 2009?

Yes 69%
No 4%
I will not be here to enjoy it 27%



Next week's question:

How did registration go for you this year?

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What would you like to see SGA accomplish next year?



"Extend the library hours for the top part."

Amanda Tate, junior, marketing

"I think they need to address the recycle program."

Mark Law, senior, biology



"Fix the parking situation. The lot next to Adam's needs to be paved."

Suzy Deacon, sophomore, history

"I think something needs to be done about the area around Irwin St."

Vivian Sims, junior, history



"Public Safety should move from its current location."

Michael Davis, senior, French

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The Litter Box

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"It was as if an occult hand had reached down from above and moved the players like pawns upon some giant chessboard."

Ahhh! I think I almost got blown away!

OMG!! The dead bobcat on the wall in Atkinson 2nd floor is awful!!! The poor animal!!! I hardly think that it is an appropriate thing to be hanging on the wall in a business school!! It's so tacky!!!

Thank goodness for the rain. All that chalk is now GONE!

Love is love.

Nothing unites the GCSU community like student elections. We're all worn out and tired of hearing about them.

So Bobcat needs an elevator in the 300 building ... going up those stairs with crutches SUCKS...

To the person/people that stole the wreath off our door at Bobcat: Way to be mature. Bring it back please. We promise we won't yell at you.

I'm so not a fan of all these under classpeople who are so anti-homecoming week!! Be proud that GCSU is finally making it a week of a little excitement!! PLUS who doesn't love seeing all those hot boys all dressed up?!?!?! SEXY!!!

Thank goodness Ryan Greene was reelected as SGA President because at the College Bowl Trivia that other guy was the rudest person I have ever been in the presence of. There was no need to make the rude remarks to anyone there that night.

Mr. and Ms. GCSU shouldn't be a contest to see who can make the most friends in one week ... it should be who has done the most for our university and who is most involved.

Who wants to see the campus back to its plain old self? I personally liked all the colors on the sidewalk, banners and the positive buzz around campus. Boo on all you Debbie-Downer freshmen making a stink about it!!!

How is it possible that someone can get kicked out for yelling "you suck" at a basketball game but one of the cheerleaders can yell obscenities in the ref's ear through the megaphone and still stay in? To that cheerleader: SHUT UP!

If we want to complain about The Colonnade, what Litter Box do we put that in?

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ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Ken Block, lead singer of the band Sister Hazel, "rocks on" for the camera as the band plays to the ecstatic fans Feb. 29 at West Campus.



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Drew Copeland on rhythm guitar and vocals.



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Jett Beres on Bass guitar.

'All for you' from GCSU



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Ryan Newell on slide guitar and vocals.

ANA MARIA LUGO
SENIOR REPORTER

ERIN GISH
SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Electrifying cheers of a zealous crowd and full-blown sing-along are hardly what is expected on a Friday night at West Campus. The soccer field was nearly unrecognizable as more than 2,000 people filled the venue. But on Leap Day, Feb. 29, the main attraction and most anticipated event of Homecoming, Sister Hazel, gave GCSU something to leap about.

"This is perhaps one of the most exciting events we have ever had in this campus," Ryan Greene, SGA president said. "It feels good to have this kind of response and support from the student body."

Sister Hazel, a popular band that started their career in the 90s, proved that they haven't lost their touch. They kept the crowd engaged and pumped for songs old and new as they took center stage for this year's Homecoming sponsored by SGA and Campus Activities Board.

The celebrations started early as gates opened at 7 p.m. Many were there before hand taking part in tailgating as GCSU students and community members waited for the bands to play. A maximum of 72 oz. total of alcohol was allowed and many coolers grazed the fields.

Andy Griffith, a senior business major, was among the students lucky enough to enjoy the company of a few legal beers.

"I just enjoy standing here with a beer in hand," Griffith said. "A laid back event with friends and watching everyone definitely just adds excitement to our campus."

Atlanta-band Blackberry Smoke opened for the crowd with their blue-grass, southern-rock infused tunes.

The concert also served as a fundraiser for Gamma Sigma Sigma, a community service sorority, by selling concessions to the crowd.

"It's always a pleasure to just help out the school and reach out to the student body," Beth Gaylor, sophomore liberal studies major and a member of the Gamma Sigma Sigma sorority, said. "I think the students appreciate that we're selling cheap concessions because otherwise the concessions would come from a place that really wants to make profit. We want to make profit but we're here more for making the concert convenient and more enjoyable for college students."

Junior criminal justice major Jessica Bell worked her way close to the stage to really soak in all the atmosphere.

"I know a few songs by Sister Hazel, and I didn't think they

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Security was on hand to ensure the safety and enjoyment of nearly 2,000 people that attended the event. The band performed its hits such as "All for you" and "Change you Mind."

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'10,000 B.C.' brings dark ages to light



CHRIS MOSKALY
REVIEWER

When the Spartan epic "300" was released in early March last year, it was intended to be the early guinea pig that would get viewers ready for another blockbuster summer. The result however, wound up being a disastrous summer of lackluster threequels that could only be saved by the imminent success of Frank Miller's early "Spartans." Veteran adventure director Roland Emmerich has been a bit silent since his second "Ice Age" run with "The Day After Tomorrow." Emmerich is certainly no stranger to blockbuster entertainment having followed the success of "Independence Day," along with "Godzilla." Going back to the dark ages in "10,000 B.C." isn't the most intriguing adventure for Emmerich, nor is it really the same sort of summer pump-up that we all know "300" to have been, but it does have some visual blockbuster quality that just might surprise viewers enough to avoid disappointment.

In a remote, prehistoric mountain tribe, a young mammoth hunter named D'Leh (Steven Strait) has found the love of his life in the beautiful Evolet (Camilla Belle). But when a dangerous band of warlords raid his village and kidnap Evolet, D'Leh must lead a small group of hunters to follow the warlords all the way to the end of the world (remember, the world was believed to be flat this far back in time) in order to save her. As D'Leh and his courageous group of warriors battle saber-tooth tigers and other dangerous predators, their heroic journey leads them to a lost civilization where they will meet their

ultimate destiny against powerful ruler who has enslaved their people.

It was a little scary for me, prior to admission, to think of just how badly "10,000 B.C." could possibly crumble under its own feet with a PG-13 rating, but with more man vs. creature confrontations, as opposed to man vs. man, there really isn't a desperate call for blood and guts all over the battlefield (or in the snow). The cavemen might have felt more respected if Emmerich had given them the chance to be ruthless with their handmade weaponry, but when dealing with younger aged characters, it's actually entertaining enough to just watch them avoid a bunch of gigantic creatures instead of mutilating each other (not that there isn't some hand in hand combat later). The only setback of having younger characters is that they seem a little too much like people their age today.

It's no secret that "Gladiator" was the defining epic movie of the new generation, and everything that follows will be set against the coliseum standards. Russell Crowe may have pulled off the trick of being famous in the midst of top notch special effects, but if Wolfgang Petersen or Oliver Stone actually thought they had a chance at repeating such glory with Brad Pitt in "Troy" or Colin Farrell in "Alexander," all I can hope is that they take notes as they go

back to the caveman's era. In order to accentuate the captivating visuals of his monstrous creatures, Roland Emmerich really plays it smart by allowing a group of unknowns to lead the cast. Following his work in two domestic failures ("Sky High" and "The Covenant"), Steven Strait makes a courageous performance as the vengeful D'Leh, and Camilla Belle could only bounce back into the realm of positivity coming off of "When A Stranger Calls."

As we prepare for the early May release of "Iron Man," and run through Edward Norton's revival of "The Incredible Hulk" and Heath Ledger's heavily anticipated resurrection of the Joker, it never hurts to get an early boost into the blockbuster atmosphere. "300" not only prepared us for blockbuster mayhem, but it actually served as a positive backdrop that made a crappy summer seem a little more modest; nobody wanted it to be beat. Roland Emmerich's epic tale of the dark ages has plenty of potential to serve up some popcorn pleasure in the early phase (especially with the slow start we've had this year), but it will still keep viewers hoping for something more in the future. It would take an even crappier summer to make this memorable in the long run, but as a veteran of the respected genre, Emmerich certainly doesn't let us down.



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Hazel

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were going to be this good," Bell said. "They sound really good, and I'm so excited of their performance."

Lead singer Ken Block, was also amazed by the crowd that just couldn't contain their excitement.

"I can't believe we've never come to Milledgeville when we were touring," Block said to the delighted crowd. "You guys are awesome!"

The band also performed some of their hits as well as covers songs.

The concert was brief with the concert ending before 11 p.m. But the sweet and short of it didn't stop the students from reliving the experience.

Many alumnus and

community members took advantage of the event since tickets were fairly affordable.

"We are hoping to make homecoming better and better every year letting students know that their fees are going somewhere worth while," Greene said. "It's definitely something SGA would love to have success with since it really added to that homecoming excitement we've been looking for."

Sister Hazel is headlining a series of tours, including opening for Hard Rock Cafe's new and first-ever rock theme amusement park, Hard Rock Park. Located in Myrtle Beach, S.C., the park is set to open this summer. For more information about Sister Hazel and tour dates visit the band website at www.sisterhazel.com



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Mark Trojanowski on drums.

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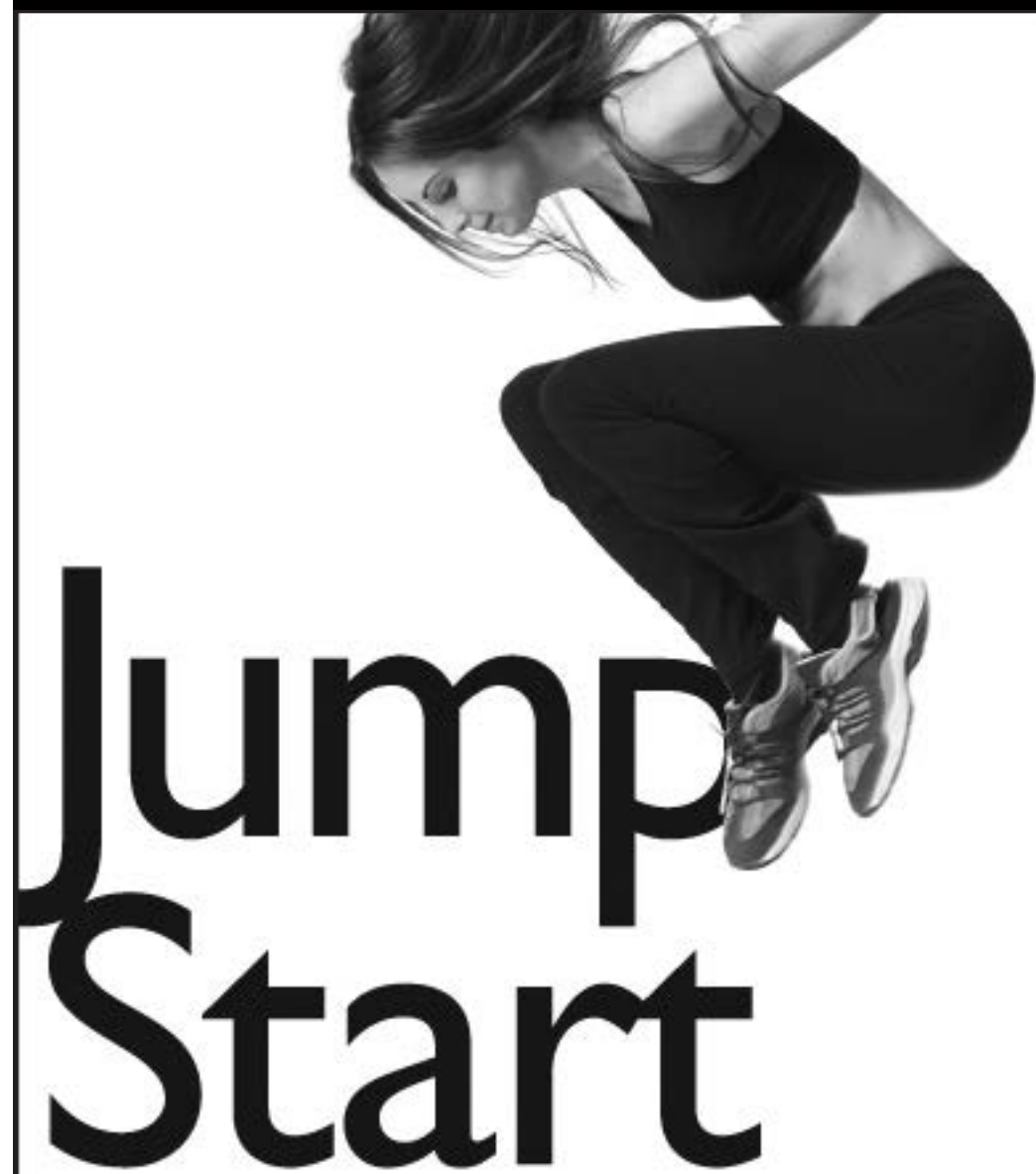
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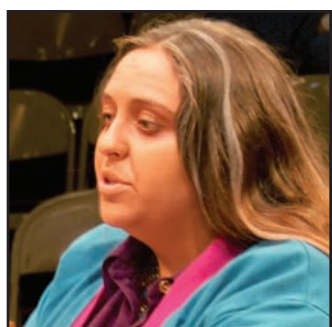
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The dying mother, Louise (played by Rose Williams), comforts her son, Russell (Brian Lunsford), after he learns the truth about his family and grandfather.



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Slick and smooth describes Broderick (played by sophomore Zane Wind), a film company executive trying to persuade Russell (Lunsford) make a movie about his tribe.



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior Brian Lunsford as Russell.



ERIN GISH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior Rose Williams as Louise.

A perfect premiere



CHRIS MOSKALY
REVIEWER

Written by Daniel Edmiston, the new play "Coyote Point" follows a American Indian man named Russell (Brian Lunsford) who returns home after twenty years to take care of his dying mother Louise (Rose Williams) and run her store with the help of his adventurous daughter Dani (Stacey Silverman) and a regular customer named Cliff (Warren Downs), who can never buy enough gum. When a film company executive named Broderick (Zane Wind) approaches Russell for permission to make a movie about his grandfather, along with big time Hollywood star Christopher Wolff (Evan Fields), Russell must confront his troubled past and make decisions that could change the future of his life, as well as the tribe he once left behind.

Acted out in two thirty-five minute segments with a ten minute intermission, "Coyote Point" flows excessively well on stage as it opens with a nature defying story about a coyote and trout racing down the creek

looking for something shallow, and something deep respectively. As a solo drum plays in the background of the racing story, along with a sunny golden light resurrecting from all sides of the square, the tribal Indian perspective of the plot immediately sinks in with viewers. It's a bit ironic to make a quick transition from a story of nature's miracles into a local family establishment nearing bankruptcy, but the connections grow closer in every scene up until the closing repeat of the same story; now making even more sense than it did the first time.

Led by senior theatre major Brian Lunsford, the cast of "Coyote Point" really turns in some dynamite success on stage not just with their words, but also some strategic movement as they must support an audience on three sides of the squared stage. Lunsford uses his resume of experience to bring out the multiple qualities of the Russell character. One minute he'll be weaving a blanket without a care in the world, then he'll be selling gum (which is probably all he sells on a daily basis) to a regular. Before the lights go down for the last time, he provides some sharp cuts of emotion as he attempts to negotiate the importance of his family legacy with Zane Wind, who really hates taking "no" for an answer in his line of work, as well as Evan Fields, who thrives on superstardom while sporting some flashy aviators.

The dialogue between such a small cast of six also keeps the pace moving as transitions and cues are hit at a nearly perfect rate with sharp drama and occasional humor (all I'm going to say is Edmiston must have a really low opinion of Bruce Willis).

While driven on its acting and dialogue, "Coyote Point" also does a good job of disguising one of the most obvious setbacks of stage production (when compared to filmmaking); a single set layout. It's completely necessary for this story to occur primarily in an old fashioned store, but with the tribal Indian back story, it would also seem likely that this project could take place in a natural location; like maybe a forest of some sort, but if story telling was a driving aspect of Indian cultures, then there's certainly nothing wrong with just dimming the lights with some golden glare from underneath.

Strong performances along with exquisite lighting and slick transitions make the premiere production of "Coyote Point" a true success that is guaranteed to send viewers home happy. With only a 110 seating arrangement on stage, admission to "Coyote Point" is much more competitive and limited than fall semester's run of "The Tempest," but to be so up close with the performers gives the audience a sense of connection that makes them feel like they are just as much a part of the show, making the "Point" only so much clearer.

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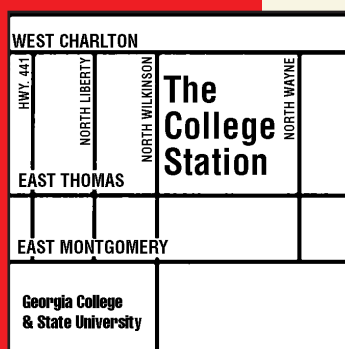
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Section Editor, Corey Dickstein

GCSU honors fallen athlete, rambles on

BY PRESTON SELLERS
SENIOR REPORTER

On Saturday, March 1, runners of all ages and ability levels converged at the Wellness Depot for the fourth annual "Bobcat Ramble" road race. The event was one of the final Homecoming activities on the GCSU campus and was open to students and faculty associated with the college, as well as members of the surrounding community.

Senior Natalee Mayo worked as a public relations representative for the event. "I think we had a really good turnout," she said. "It was really cute to see the little kids running in the Fun Run."

Mayo also designed t-shirts for the race, and helped with pre-race organization.

The Fun Run took place at 8 a.m., prior to the 5K (3.1 mile) race, and was geared toward the children in attendance.

A solid turnout for this event indicated a strong presence of families who enjoy exercising together.

The 5K race began at 8:30 a.m., and featured several GCSU students, but runners from all walks of life were present. The ages of the runners ranged from approximately ten to 70 years old, and post-race chatter revealed the widespread backgrounds of the runners.

The course took the runners from the Depot to downtown, winding through several blocks, then to the Centennial Center and through the parking lot and ended with a sprint back down Hancock Street to the finish line.

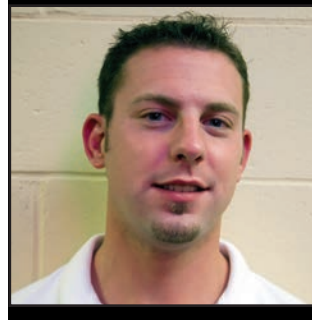
Two faces in the crowd were of particular significance to the GCSU community. Greg and Margie Bruner, the parents of former GCSU student John Bruner,



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Runners participate in Saturday's Bobcat Ramble. This was the fourth year the event was held during homecoming.

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The Season PASS



BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SPORTS EDITOR

Sports teach life lessons

Some of the strangest conversations can come when you are sitting in an office with ten other people randomly talking.

This afternoon we were discussing life lessons, and it got me thinking.

Of course, I admit I am a sportsaholic, so I may be somewhat biased, but I voiced the opinion that every truly important lesson a person will learn in life can be learned through sports.

Let's go through a few of them.

The first is humility, and what can teach a person humility more than trying to hit a baseball or softball? I don't think there is anything.

This is something where if you succeed about one-third of the time you are not good but great.

Second is hard work. Hard work is the backbone of building any career, and in sports, if you don't work hard, most of the time your not going to be playing.

I honestly believe I got my work ethic from playing sports my whole life and working as hard as possible to be good at the given sport. Is there a better way to teach young people hard work than working hard at something fun like sports?

Third is to expect the unexpected. This goes for all sports, it's called being prepared.

People always need to be prepared in life, which comes from studying. Where did I learn to study? On the baseball diamond.

I learned my best study skills from spending hours learning everything I could about pitching. I studied my opponents, mechanics and other pitchers. I really don't think I would have developed the ability to study at all if it weren't for sports.

My final life lesson is probably the most obvious one: competition.

Where can someone learn the value of competition better than in sports?

The answer is nowhere. Competition is something that pushes people to succeed, and I really think sports are the best way to grasp that.

These are merely a few select life lessons, but I challenge you to come up with a life lesson that cannot be taught through sports.

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Bobcats hindered by injury

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU baseball team posted a 2-2 record in its four game home stand this week.

The Bobcats (12-7) won one and lost two games in a weekend set with Shippensburg University, before taking a 9-7 decision from Lenoir-Rhyne College on a rain-soaked John Kurtz Field Tuesday night.

"Last week we go to Armstrong (Atlantic State University with a) 9-2 (record), and in game one we lost (redshirt sophomore) Sean Harrell and in game two we lost (junior) Danny McCorkell, so we've definitely had our share of adversity for the week," head coach Tom Carty said. "It's a test to the team trying to persevere through it and wait for some guys to come back and in the meantime try to play some better baseball."

The loss of Harrell, GCSU's centerfielder, and McCorkell, the right fielder, was certainly felt offensively during the week.

So far this season, Harrell has been one of the Bobcats' top hitters, batting .327, scoring 17 runs and producing eight RBI's, while swiping nine bags.

McCorkell has also been a key player. In twelve starts this season he has batted .324 with nine runs and six RBI's.

Carty said the key to this team throughout the season will be to get consistent starting pitching, something they did not get in the home stand.

In game one against Shippensburg senior starter Sean



JEN FORDHAM / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior hurler Shaun Monica fires a pitch on Sunday. The Bobcats split their four game home stand with Shippensburg and Lenoir-Rhyne.

Heimpel threw 3.2 innings, while allowing three earned runs on seven hits and a walk to earn a no decision.

The starting pitching continued to struggle in game two and three. Sophomore starter Clete Jessup and senior lefty Shaun Monica both yielded their first losses of the

season in the series.

"We just haven't pitched well," Carty said. "This weekend was the first time all three guys as weekend starters - Clete and Shaun Monica

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Bobcat golfers take first

BY SCOTT THOMPSON
STAFF REPORTER

The No. 13 ranked GCSU Golf Team earned its first victory of the season Tuesday at the Richard Rendlemen Invitational hosted by Catawba College. To make victory sweeter, the Bobcats placed ahead of Peach Belt Conference rival USC Aiken, who is nationally ranked No. 6.

"Mentally, we were wanting to just go in, get the job done and focus on the task at hand," said freshman Joe Young.

The Bobcats did just that, as four of the five GCSU golfers placed in the top-20, best in the tournament for any school. Young paced the Bobcats, finishing in a tie for fifth overall and shooting a 171 over two rounds.

Sophomore Francisco Bide tied for ninth in the tournament, followed by senior Kyle Collins who was one stroke behind Bide and tied for twelfth overall. Senior Juan Biale finished nineteenth overall and sophomore Niclas Johansson placed fifty-second to round out the GCSU team.

Since the beginning of the spring golf season, the Bobcats have played in three tournaments. They have placed in the top three each time, progressively getting better before taking the trophy on Tuesday.

Last week, the team placed second in the Pirate Invitational hosted by Armstrong Atlantic State University. Three weeks ago, they finished third at the Matlock Invitational hosted by Florida Southern University.

However, Coach Jimmy Wilson made one thing clear to his team upon returning to Milledgeville on Tuesday.

"Enjoy the moment, because we want to prepare

Bobcats drop finale; third seed in PBC

BY MITCHELL DAVIS
STAFF WRITER

A tough home loss will mark the end of games at the Centennial Center for Bobcat basketball seniors Aaron Clark, LeVert Carter and Jay Warden. The University of South Carolina at Aiken came to Milledgeville ranked No. 1 in the Peach Belt Conference.

The Bobcats, ranked No. 3, looked to pull off an upset before heading into

the conference tournament.

Before the game, head coach Terry Sellers told his team this game was going to be an opportunity for the Bobcats to prove themselves as a true contender for the PBC title.

"We had to play for forty minutes, and we had to play well for forty minutes," said Sellers. "It was a good challenge for us, a fun challenge and we've been playing

well at home all year and they were coming into our house, and if we played well for forty minutes, we were capable of getting the job done."

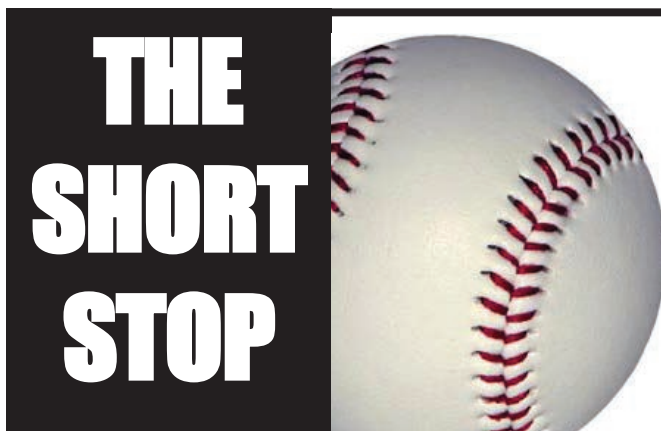
GCSU started out hot, opening the game with an 11-4 run. The energy of the largest crowd all season was evident as the Centennial Center broke out into thunderous applause and yells after every GCSU score.

"It was a fantastic crowd," Sellers said, "as

good a crowd as we've probably ever had since I've been here so it just made it a lot of fun for everybody."

The Bobcats took a one point lead into half-time. Sellers told his team to continue playing with the energy they had shown in the first half and to have a sense of urgency during every possession.

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Softball:

Fri. - Sun.	Tournament @FMU
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Tennis:

Friday	2 p.m.	Augusta St.
Saturday	2 p.m.	Mount Olive
Tuesday	2:30 p.m.	@Columbus

Men's Basketball:

Fri. - Sun.	PBC Tournament @Aiken
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Stat of the Week

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The number of runs allowed by pitcher Mandy Chandler of the Lady Bobcats softball team in her last 30 1/3 innings of work. The team is currently ranked No. 3 in the nation.

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Aiken proved to be too much for GCSU, starting off the second half with a 22-4 run. The Bobcats clawed their way back into the game with some clutch shooting by Warden, a forward, who hit three big three's to give the Bobcats hope.

"I was thinking in my head I just didn't want to lose the last home game,"

Warden said. "I was thinking, talking to myself saying I don't want to let us lose but I was just trying to stay calm."

Clark, the Bobcats' center, led the team with 20 points. Warden and sophomore guard Graham Martin followed with 14. The combined 48 point effort was not enough as Aiken went on to win 72-67.

Sellers helped his team get over the tough loss by reminding them that every team's season starts over

in the PBC tournament.

"From here on out, it's a brand new season, that's what Coach wrote on the wall in there," said Warden. "He said 0-0, new season, new start. I mean, he even got us new practice jerseys."

GCSU's next game will be in the Peach Belt Conference tournament against Columbus State University, 9-11 in the PBC, March 7, at 3 p.m. The Bobcats split with Columbus State during the regular season.

Briefs: Chandler dominant

BY COREY DICKSTEIN
SENIOR REPORTER

Softball

Eight straight wins have propelled the GCSU softball team to No. 3 in the latest National Fastpitch Coaches Association poll, released on Wednesday.

The Lady Bobcats swept all five of their games last weekend at the Catawba Tournament in Salisbury, N.C. Including a 2-0 upset of Lock Haven University in the first game.

Lock Haven, the 2006 national champions entered the game ranked No. 2 while GCSU was No. 23.

Other victories in the tournament included a 7-3 win over Shippensburg University, a 9-1 victory against Belmont Abbey College, 3-0 over Lenoir-Rhyne College, and 1-0 over Belmont College.

Junior starting pitcher Mandy Chandler absolutely dominated her competition during the tournament.

In 21.2 innings of work Chandler did not give up a single run and allowed only four hits while striking out 20 batters in her three wins.

Chandler was named GCSU athlete of the week and Peach Belt Conference pitcher of the week for her efforts.

The Lady Bobcats travel to Francis Marion University this weekend to play in another tournament this weekend. GCSU will then host FMU in a PBC match-up doubleheader at 2 p.m. on Wednesday at the Peeler Athletic Complex.

Women's Basketball

The GCSU women's basketball season came to a close Wednesday night with a 74-64 loss to North Georgia College & State University in the first round of the PBC Tournament.

The Lady Bobcats entered the game without their leading scorer freshman guard Dominique Huffin, who was named PBC Freshman of the Year earlier in the day.

Senior guard Elicia Lynch posted a career high 22 points in her final game.

Fellow senior guard Lindsey Smith added 11 points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Junior forward Tiauna Brantley added ten points and eight rebounds.

NGCSU had control from early on. GCSU had their only share of the lead, three and half minutes into the first half.

The Lady Bobcats were also outdone at the line as the Lady Saints tallied 23-of-30 to GCSU's four-of-nine.

The Lady Bobcats finish the season with a 13-15 overall record, including 8-12 in the PBC.

Men's Tennis

The Bobcat men's tennis team earned two victories this week by topping NGCSU and Newberry College.

Each win was by an 8-1 score.

On Monday the Bobcats hosted NGCSU with their only blemish being at No. 6 singles.

Junior Erick Siqueira

dominated No. 1 singles 6-0, 6-0, while junior Francis Yoshimoto took No. 2 singles 6-2, 6-1.

On Wednesday, the team travelled to Newberry and dominated once again.

Siquera, ranked No. 13 nationally, and Yoshimoto both dominated singles play again, and are each 8-0 on the season.

Women's Tennis

The Lady Bobcats also dominated their opponents shutting out both NGCSU and Newberry.

Senior Celine Martin and junior Marjorie Ceppo easily took No. 1 and 2 singles 6-1, 6-0 and 6-4, 6-0, respectively.

The two also paired up to take No. 1 doubles 8-1.

On Wednesday the pair continued to win.

They took No. 1 doubles with another 8-1 score.

Ceppo, once again, dominated her competition at No. 2 singles 6-1, 6-0.

Martin, however, had to fight a little bit to earn her victory.

She cruised to a 6-1 win in the first set, but fought for a 7-6 victory in the second set to take the match.

Both tennis squads are in action Friday at the Centennial Courts when the host Augusta State University at 2 p.m. On Saturday, the Lady Bobcats will host two teams, Southern Indian University at 10 a.m. and Mount Olive College at 2 p.m. The men will also play Mount Olive College Saturday.

Both teams will travel to Columbus State University on Tuesday.

GCSU basketball player awards



Aaron Clark

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Baseball

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have given us some pretty good starts, and hopefully this was just bad timing to have both of them not pitch well."

The struggle continued Tuesday night for freshman Eric Pettepher who lasted only two plus innings surrendering five runs on five hits.

After finding themselves down 5-0 going into the bottom of the third inning, GCSU answered back.

Sophomore third baseman Brooks Robinson set the table with a single into left then swiped second base, before scoring on a Derek Johns single. Senior catcher Pete Paris and sophomore leftfielder Andrew Evans each followed with singles. Johns, a junior centerfielder, scored on an errant throw during Evans' single.

Redshirt freshman designated hitter Richard Pirkle then sent a Greg Conrad, Lenoir-Rhyne's starter, pitch screaming over the left-centerfield wall to tie the game at 5.

"It felt good to get that hit that helped get the team back in the ballgame," Pirkle said. "We got down early, but battled back and we really needed that."

The Bobcats would then take the lead when redshirt freshman first baseman Gator Parker reached and scored on senior right fielder Nathan Martin's double to right. Martin would then score the final run of the inning on senior second baseman Tony Rice's sacrifice fly to center to increase the lead to 7-5.

Junior reliever Jay Clark pitched three strong innings surrendering only one hit and striking out three Bear hitters.

Lenoir-Rhyne would battle back with runs in sixth and seventh innings including a towering shot over the leftfield pole by the Bear's first baseman Zachary Glass off sophomore reliever Jamie Ammons.

Sophomore reliever Brandon Owens came on to pitch a perfect eight inning, and would eventually earn his third win of the season as the Bobcats added two runs in the bottom of that inning.

Paris smashed a double down the right field line, in the inning, plating Robinson for the lead. Freshman Benton Yaun

then plated Rice, who was hit by a pitch, for the final run of the game.

"It was real good to get that hit – especially since we haven't been playing that good – to be able to help my team get a win in that situation," Paris said.

Senior closer Michael Newman earned his second save of the season by retiring three straight batters in the ninth.

"Baseball, to me, is the ultimate team game," Carty said. "You need everything clicking especially when your young and trying to figure out how to win games. We were 9-2 before we had any injuries, and now that we have some injuries on a young club it takes them a little time to figure it out."



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Sophomore shortstop Chandler Snell turns two against Shippensburg on Saturday. The Bobcats dropped two of three to Shippensburg, but won 7-5 over Lenoir-Rhyne on Tuesday.

Ramble

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who died of a heart anomaly while running in across country meet in Tennessee last summer, ran the race in John's honor. Bruner's teammates were well-represented on the course as well.

Mr. Greg Bruner spoke after the race about how happy his son had been at GCSU, and thanked everyone for making John's last year his best year.

In John's memory, the first place overall trophies for both men and women runners became the first annual John Bruner Memorial Awards.

Junior Alex Pate took home the award for the men, finishing the 3.1-mile course in 16:30, after an incredible shoulder-to-shoulder battle to the finish line with senior Rich Dobson. Sophomore Heather Raines cruised to the finish a couple of minutes later, well ahead of her competition, to take home the award for the women.

For many runners, the chance to simply get some exercise outside in the unseasonably warm weather trumped the

idea of winning or even competing.

Daryl Essensa is an interim faculty member at GCSU in Outdoor Education who ran the course with her dog Marley, who was a hit with the other runners. The duo was decked out in tie-dye shirts marked "The Running Hippies." Essensa received a first-place trophy for her age division.

"I was honored to be asked to join the 'Running Hippies' with some of my outdoor education students," she said. "And Marley here has been running so much lately, I figured I'd bring her along, in fact I owe this trophy to her."

Word-of-mouth seemed to be the common factor for most runners showing up early on a Saturday. Brennan Lemieux, a graduate student, was also motivated by his students.

"A bunch of my students were talking about it, and I got an email about it," he said. "And since I'm an aspiring athlete – I do triathlons and stuff – I figured it would be good training."

A good turnout, wide array of participants, and the remembrance of a GCSU student-athlete combined to create a special morning at the Depot. The event will ramble on next Homecoming.



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Heather Raines (left) and Alex Pate (right) accept the first annual John Bruner Memorial trophies from Margie and Greg Bruner. Both winners were John's cross country teammates.

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Golf

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for the third week in May, not the third week in March," said Wilson. "Every year we try to build toward the national tournament."

Wilson's teams have certainly been successful in reaching the tournament. In fact, they haven't missed the NCAA National Tournament in the last ten years. With a win on Tuesday and a national ranking, it appears the Bobcats have no intentions of letting that streak snap.

Even with seven of the eleven members of the golf team being sophomores or younger, Coach Wilson believes this team is capable of making some noise in May.

"I'm not worried about inexperience being a factor," he said. "In our first tour-

namment appearance we had one senior, one sophomore and three freshmen in our starting five. Every time we play it's a growing experience for these guys. Everybody's playing well, and if we put it together in May, we've got a shot."

The Bobcats will play three more times before the conference tournament.

Next Sunday, they will be in Valdosta to participate in the Southeastern Intercollegiate Tournament, which features three rounds. The following Monday, they'll host the Bobcat Invitational, a two-round tournament. The final regular season appearance for the golf team will be April 7-8 at the Emerald

Coast Collegiate Invitational hosted by West Florida. The Peach Belt Conference Championship begins in late April, followed by the NCAA Regionals in early May.

Bobcat golf scores at Richard Rendleman

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-Kurtz Field - West Campus
7 p.m. First Friday Foreign Film: Lumumba (Belgium)
-Arts and Sciences Auditorium
8 p.m. GCSU Jazz Band Concert - Russell Auditorium

Saturday, March 8

- Springfest 2008
1 p.m. Bobcats Baseball vs. Georgia Southwestern State
-Kurtz Field -West Campus

Sunday, March 9

Monday, March 10

- 5 p.m. GEICO Information Session- 104 Atkinson Hall
7:30 p.m. Guest Artist Recital: Alan Weinburg, Piano
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Tuesday, March 11

- 7:30 p.m. Campus Outreach -180

Wednesday, March 12

- 10 a.m. Wonderful Wednesday: Interview Strategies
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12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Luncheon Address and Discussion: "How Kalamazoo
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12:30 p.m. SGA Meeting - Student Activities Center- 3rd Floor
12:30 p.m. SIFE Meeting - 107 Atkinson Hall
2 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday: Interview Strategies
-232 Lanier Hall

Thursday, March 13

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Public Safety Report



Dangerous drinking

On Feb. 28, at approximately 3:01 a.m., Sgt. Reonas responded to a panic alarm at a residence hall. Reonas knocked on the door and identified himself. He could hear movement in the room, but no one answered the door. After several attempts to get someone to answer the door, Reonas got an RA to key the door open for him. He cracked the door open and identified himself and the door was slammed in his face. The door was opened again and the door was shut in his face again. A suitemate went through the restroom and opened the door for Reonas. Contact was made with the female, who had the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person. He also noticed that her speech was slurred and disjointed and she wasn't making any sense. She advised she had been drinking with a friend earlier and registered .220 on the Alco-Sensor. She stayed with a friend for the night and the case has been given to Student Judiciary.

Emergency call box involved in head-on collision

On Mar. 1, at approximately 3:00 p.m., Officer Gaines responded to an emergency call box activation behind a residence hall. Contact was made with a male, who was bleeding from the head. He was conscious and his friends were administering first aid. He advised that he and his friends were throwing a Frisbee and he ran head first into the emergency call box. EMS arrived and transported the male to Oconee Regional Medical Center.

Glass shards were everywhere

On Mar. 1, at approximately 2:56 p.m., a male reported to Public Safety that a window in building 400 at The Village was shattered. Officer Hicks responded and called Physical Plant to repair the window and blocked off the area until it could be cleaned up. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Drivers, watch the road

On Feb. 29, at approximately 3:23 p.m., a student advised that she was driving her vehicle westbound in the parking lot of The Village. Another student was driving his vehicle eastbound in the parking lot of The Village, who stated he looked away to wave at a friend, causing his vehicle to strike the vehicle driven by the female head on. There was slight damage to both vehicles and no injuries.

Birthday wishes crushed

On Feb. 28, at approximately 2:52 p.m., a male reported that unknown person(s) removed mail from his mailbox at The Village. He reported that approximately \$300 in gift certificates and gift cards were removed from birthday cards he had received. The case has been turned over to Detective Butler for investigation.

Serious threat of death

On Feb. 29, at approximately 10:36 a.m. a male reported that an unknown male entered Central Receiving cussing and threatening to kill him. Sgt. English put out a description of the male to GCSU Police and Milledgeville Police Department officers. It was determined that a Milledgeville Police Department officer was out with the subject on an unrelated manner. The officer was advised of the previous situation and the case turned over to Milledgeville Police Department.

Information compiled
by Jamie Fleming.

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All the possibilities with Chemistry or Biology Degrees

The Career Center will host a meeting on Wednesday, March 19 on what Biology and Chemistry majors can do with their degree. From 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Herty Room 252 students can come learn more about professional jobs that will use their majors. Dr. Ken McGill, the professor and chair of the Chemistry Program, will be the special guest speaker. Learn more about jobs such as Forensic Science Technician, Occupational Health Specialist, Compliance Inspector and Pharmaceutical Sales Representative.

Guest Artist Recital

On Monday, Mar. 10 Alan Weinburg will be performing in the Guest Artist Recital. The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. in Max Noah Recital Hall. A fabulous pianist, he will be performing numerous works. General Admission is \$6 and GCSU students with valid ID will be \$3. For more information call the Department of Music and Theatre at 478-445-4226.

Interdisciplinary Studies Program presents lecture

The Interdisciplinary Studies Program will present a lecture on "Menander's Dilemma and the Worship of the Relics of the Buddha" by Warner Belanger III at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 10, in Room 272 in Arts & Sciences. The lecture will discuss the worship of relics as a practice of the Buddhist faith. An intertextual reading of Buddhist text will be presented. Belanger is a candi-

date for the position of assistant professor of Interdisciplinary Studies. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate in Inner Asian and Altaic Studies at Harvard University. His area of primary specialization is Buddhism in South and Inner Asia.

GEICO recruits

On Monday, Mar. 10 at 5 p.m. the Career Center will be hosting a GEICO Information Session in 104 Atkinson Hall. Students are invited to come learn more about the organization and carrier opportunities available to them. Madie Martin, GEICO Recruiter, will be facilitating. To sign up or more information call the Career Center at 478- 445-5384.

Liz Lerman Dance Exchange

On Friday, March 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. the Music and Theatre Department will host the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange. They will facilitate workshops working on the Critical Response Process. All faculty and students are invited to come, yet there are only 60 slots available. For more information email GCSU assistant professor Melissa Foulger at melissa.foulger@gcsu.edu.

National Women's History Month

March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure the recognition of women's freedom. This year, the GCSU Women's Studies Program is looking to cause campus wide recognition of this important step in history. On Thursday, March 13 from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. professional women will

be coming together to speak of their non-traditional vocations in science, history, and instrumental music in "I Thought It Was Just Me." Located in the Women's Resource Center at MSU 143, students and faculty are encouraged to come. Panelists will include Dr. Julia Metzker, Dr. Rosemary Begemann and Dr. Maureen Horgan. They will tell their stories of resistance and success.

Kalamazoo College effects GCSU

The International Education Center will be hosting a Luncheon Address and Discussion focused on "How Kalamazoo College - long a leader in study abroad - is working to incorporate international perspective in the majors." This event will be on Friday, March 12 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Bobcat Dining Room. Dr. Joseph Brockington, he associate provost for International Programs, from Kalamazoo College will be leading the address. The luncheon is free. For more information call the International Education center at 478-445-4789.

Greek Week begins

Greek Week kicks off on March 7 with softball games will begin on West Campus and going till 6 p.m. The annual Toga party will follow at 10 p.m. at Capital City. On Saturday, flag football games will begin on West Campus at 9 a.m. Sunday will be the Greek Show at Russell Auditorium at 7 p.m. On Front Campus on Monday there will be Field Day from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Throughout the week the events will continue. The Greeks encourage all students to get involved.



WHAT IS THE UNIVERSITY'S ALCOHOL POLICY?

When people think of college, they often picture education, global awareness, higher salaries and institutional learning. When an incoming student thinks of college, he often thinks of partying, freedom and alcohol. However, when a student thinks of the university as a whole, rarely does alcohol enter the mind. Most students believe that alcohol is meant for downtown, in the bars and no where close to the college campus. As morally correct as this might appear, it is not technically the words of GCSU's Alcohol Policy.

With the event of the Sister Hazel concert during the week of homecoming, many students wondered how GCSU was hosting an event, on campus, while also allowing alcohol to be consumed. The Colonnade wrote a few articles on the topic, and even though it might seem like SGA and Campus Life performed a miracle, we really did not.

When referring to the current GCSU alcohol policy, persons under the age of 21 cannot consume alcoholic beverages, nor can they buy alcohol, nor can they be given alcohol. This is quite obvious, as this is a state law and GCSU can not change this. It is also completely illegal to sale alcohol on campus. This is one of the reasons why a BYOB policy was in effect

during the Sister Hazel concert on West Campus. The following rules are part of the Alcohol Policy, and might come as a surprise to many:

- All on-campus student organization events involving alcohol must be personally cleared with the director of campus life.
- Sponsoring organization members must employ a campus police officer to check ID's for legal drinking age and monitor the use of alcoholic beverages at events.
- Sponsoring organization advisers are strongly encouraged to attend any event at which alcohol is served.
- Open containers with alcoholic beverages cannot be carried outside the specific location of the event.
- Public advertising of any event must not include any specific mention of alcohol. The word refreshments must be used in place of words denoting alcoholic beverages.
- There will be no events involving alcohol on-campus or off-campus during new student orientation.
- Alcohol cannot be given as a prize for contests, games and other such activities.
- The consumption of alcohol is prohibited at all organized campus athletic events.
- Drinking games or

activities contributing to alcoholic overindulgence are prohibited.

- Alcohol can be served in designated areas only on Fridays and Saturdays (See Social Functions Policy).
- Sponsoring organizations must have designated drivers available.
- Persons of legal drinking age and persons of non-legal drinking age must be identified by colored nontransferable wrist bands or predestinated equivalent method of identification.
- No outside alcoholic beverages may be brought in or allowed at the social function, unless coolers are approved in advance for specific outdoor functions.

So, the university's alcohol policy does not necessarily say that an event can not have alcohol; however, the organization that is heading the event must make sure to follow all policies that are listed above, as well as others that are in the full policy. Approval is needed from key administrators, and certain precautions must be taken in order for the event to house alcohol.

For the complete university alcohol policy, please visit: <http://www.gcsu.edu/studentlife/handbook/policies.html>.

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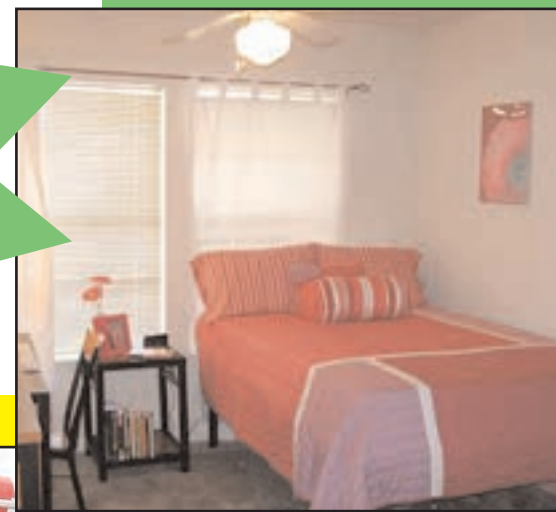
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